

individual imagination, or an image or images, and transferring the text or image to the support material for printing one or more franking markings.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, comprising displaying, acquiring or changing on a screen or touch screen the selected proposals or the individually designed text or images.

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comp. 17. (New) The method according to claim 15, comprising generating the franking marking by a keyboard or a touch screen on a keyboard or on a screen.

18. (New) The method according to claim 15, comprising generating the franking marking by self-service.

19. (New) The method according to claim 15, comprising displaying and integrating into the franking marking a franking value which is freely selectable or determined by the selection of a destination.

20. (New) The method according to claim 15, comprising reading the text or image by a camera and positioning the text or image within the franking marking image.

21. (New) The method according to claim 15, comprising, after the franking marking has been generated, triggering a printing process for the franking marking and optionally releasing change or a request for a further generation of franking markings by selecting a control key or a switching surface displayed on a touch screen.

22. (New) The method according to claim 21, comprising actuating the printing process after checking whether a sufficient credit amount is available.

23. (New) A device for producing franking markings by printing on a provided support material with text and/or image, comprising input means of a computer for generating a text selectable from proposals or designed according to individual imagination, or an image or images, and a printer connected to the computer and actuated by input means.

24. (New) The device according to claim 23, further comprising a camera connected to the input means and the computer.

25. (New) The device according to claim 24, wherein the camera is a digital camera.

26. (New) The device according to claim 24, comprising a keyboard or touch screen for actuating the device.

27. (New) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is adapted for self-service, further comprising a cash register and money changing device connected to the computer.

28. (New) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is a franking marking vending machine.

29. (New) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is a postage stamp vending machine.

30. (New) The device according to claim 29, wherein the device is incorporated in a postage meter machine.

REMARKS

Claims 15-30 are in the application. They replace claims 1-14 which have been deleted.

The Examiner will note that the specification has been provided with appropriate headings.